

Connect Nevada e-Newsletter Featuring: A New Comprehensive Technology Action Plan in Nevada, The Search for a Major Statewide Health IT Project Leader, & ECO Offers to Get You Connected!

Welcome to the current issue of the Connect Nevada e-Newsletter! Below, you'll find updates on the progress we're making to expand broadband access, adoption, and use. Thank you for following our updates and joining the important work of getting more Nevadans online!

Lyon County Unveils Comprehensive Technology Action Plan

Lyon County is the most recent community to complete the Connected Community Engagement Program assessment. On Tuesday, Connect Nevada and community leaders unveiled the results of the assessment and presented a comprehensive technology action plan that puts forth recommendations for enabling technology expansion in the county.



Thirteen Nevada communities are currently involved in some stage of the Connected program. The occasion was marked with a public event at Silver Springs Community Center, where the Lyon County Technology Team was presented with a formal detailed action plan and the general public had a chance to hear updates on the planning process.

Receiving this Connected community Technology Action Plan is a huge step. It
outlines how we will take specific steps to ensure our community is supporting our
current residents and businesses by making sure there is access to the global
economy and other quality-of-life benefits Internet provides.
Kari Larson / Silver Springs-Stagecoach Hospital District General Manager & Lyon
County Community Champion

Participation in the Connected program means Lyon County has gone through an extensive assessment of its overall broadband and technology innovation and will now move forward into implementation of key recommendations.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the details of the report and what the <u>Connected</u> program means for the future of communities across the state.



Connect Nevada Leader Heads Search for Major Statewide Health IT Project

The search is on for a CEO to head Nevada's new Health Information Exchange, and Connect Nevada State Program Manager Lindsey Niedzielski is heading up the committee for the selection process.

The Nevada Health Information Exchange (NHIE) Board is tasked with creating and system for the transfer of health information both across the state and across the larger network. The exchange will make it possible for medical information to be securely and instantly shared between healthcare providers.

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about the HIT program and the current job opening.

February is Public Safety Month!
Do you have a story about how
broadband access helped in an
emergency? <u>Tell us</u> and we'll feature it
next month!



Take Our Survey!

We need the help of all Community Anchor Institutions (CAI) in Nevada to answer a short questionnaire regarding broadband adoption. Institutions include K-12 schools, universities, libraries, hospitals/emergency medical facilities, and public safety facilities, and the information you provide will allow us to add data to our map.

We made it easy for you too - just click here!



Get Connected with Nevada's Every Community Online program!

Connect Nevada's Every Community
Online Program offers the perfect way to get connected.

ECO offers free computer and Internet training that qualifies participants for discounted computers. Participants in the Las Vegas area are also eligible for discounted home broadband service.

ECO participants are eligible for:

- Desktop computers for \$119.99
- Laptop computers for \$189.99
- Broadband service for \$10.00 a month (Las Vegas area only)
- Desk modems starting at \$50.00

The program is offered in partnership with <u>JOIN</u>, <u>Inc.</u> and the <u>Nevada State Library and Archives</u> (NSLA).

<u>Click here</u> to learn more about how ECO training is designed to change lives and get every Nevadan online!

Join the Connect Nevada Conversation!

We're excited to see Connect Nevada's reach growing daily!

We're often on the road meeting with people in communities across the state as we work toward better broadband access, adoption, and use in Nevada.

You can keep up with our activities in realtime and contribute to the conversation by joining our social networks!





In addition to our weekly blog posts and these monthly e-Newsletters, we encourage you to <u>follow us on Twitter</u> and <u>like us on Facebook!</u>

We look forward to hearing from you as we continue our work with the <u>Governor's Broadband Task Force</u> to expand broadband and improve digital literacy skills across the state!

Upcoming Events

TIA 2013: The Future of the Network

October 8-10, 2013 - Gaylord National, Washington, DC

CALL for SPEAKERS: The deadline is approaching to submit your application to speak at the Future of the Network thought leadership conference! Emphasis for selection of speakers rests on the following important themes:

- Evolving Business Models for Service Providers and Suppliers in the ICT Industry
- Disruptive Technologies (Security, Transport, Software Defined Networks, OTT, Apps, Customer-Centric Focus, Small Cells, Energy Efficiency, etc.)
- U.S and International Use Cases (in Government, Healthcare, Education, Retail, etc.)
- Improving the Customer Experience
- Market Trends in Mobility, M2M, Cloud Computing and Sustainability Applications to speak are due by February 15, 2013. If interested go to http://tia2013.org/call-speakers-1. Questions? Please contact Taly Walsh at TWalsh@tiaonline.org or 703.907.7744

If you have a broadband meeting or event that you would like us to present or help publicize, please contact Lindsey Niedzielski, lniedzielski@connectnv.org.

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